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NEWS

- ☐ The annual Conference and Council meeting of EPTA, the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment network, will take place under Danish chairmanship in Copenhagen on 25-26 September 1997. The hosts are the Danish Technology Council.
- ☐ An updated edition of the STOA publications list is available this month. In preparation is a new edition of the list, which will for the first time include abstracts of the major studies.
- ☐ As announced in the June Newsletter the document compiling all the Options Briefs or executive summaries under the STOA Workplan 1996 is now ready and will be presented to the STOA Panel on 17 July 1997 in Strasbourg.

WORKING DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, PAPERS, BRIEFS

Work in Progress - The following Working documents are being presented to the STOA Panel in July:

Workplan 1996

- ☐ **Project summaries - Options Briefs for the projects in the STOA Workplan 1996**
- ☐ **Electronic data management as a tool for the evaluation of expenditures by the EU (A.LP.1)**, Draft Final Report by Ing. Maurizio PEDRELLI, Pragmata, Italy
- ☐ **The development and application of new information technologies in the next decade (A.LP.2(i))**, Final Report, by Dr PUAY-KHOON TANG, SPRU, University of Sussex, UK
- ☐ **The evolution of international markets in telecommunications (A.LP.2(ii))**, Final Report by Mr Neil McNAUGHTON, The Data Room, France
- ☐ **The ageing of society: Progress in medical and pharmaceutical research and technology and its socio-economic consequences (B.LP.1)**, by Dr S.M. THOMAS, Dr J.F. BURKE, Prof. B.R. MARTIN, SPRU, University of Sussex, UK
- ☐ **The technological feasibility of trans-European hydro-networks (B.P.1)**, translation in English of the Final Report by Mr ZIBETTA, ANETEC, Brussels
- ☐ **Impact environnemental des emissions de l'automobile (C.P.1)**, Information Note, by Mr Didier FERLIN, STOA Scholar

PROJECT STEERING GROUPS

The following Project Steering Group (PSG) has held a scoping meeting in the past month:

1997 Workplan

- ☐ **97/C11/1 - An appraisal of the working in practice of Directive 90/220/EEC on the deliberate release of genetically modified organisms (GMOs)**

Date/place: 25 June 1997, Brussels

Participants included: Mr BOWE, MEP; Mr WILKINSON, Assistant to Mr Bowe; Mr HANSEN, DGII Environment Committee secretariat; Mr LAKE, DGII Research Committee secretariat; Mr MACHMER, Socialist Group; Dr von SCHOMBERG, contractor, the Netherlands; Mr VAN DER PERRE, DGIV Head of Division; Mr HOLDSWORTH, Head of the STOA Unit.

Main outcomes: This was a scoping meeting at which the execution of the study by the contractor was discussed. It was decided that the contractor would present his Interim Report to Mr Bowe and others interested at a meeting on 23 July in Brussels.

For more information please contact: Dick HOLDSWORTH.

WORKSHOPS

The following STOA Workshop took place:

- ☐ **96/A.LP.2(v) Women and the Net: Work, leisure, lifelong learning**

Date/place: 30 June 1997, Brussels

Main outcomes: The Workshop, chaired by Mrs HEINISCH, Vice-Chairperson of STOA, was organised by the Forum InformatikerInnen für Frieden und gesellschaftliche Verantwortung (FIFF) e.V., Bonn, with presentations by several expert speakers. The scenario study - of the Awareness Scenario Workshop held previously in Innsbruck - and the executive summary of the Draft Final Report were made available. The Final Report will follow soon.

For more information please contact: Dick HOLDSWORTH.

The following STOA Workshops are in preparation:

- ☐ **97/C05/3 - Operational requirements of a commercial fusion reactor**

Possibly, 4-5 September - Brussels

- ☐ **97/C05/6 - Survey and evaluation of criticisms of basic safety standards for the protection of workers and the public against ionising radiation**

Date in Autumn to be finalised.

OTHER STOA INFORMATION

- ☐ STOA is glad to announce that the following have joined the Team:

- . Mr Alexander POTRYKUS, a German Environmental Biologist, who will be working on the projects on 'Appropriate energy storage technologies' and 'Drug use: scientific and technological policy options';
- . Ms Ailsa SINCLAIR, a Scottish European lawyer, who will be working on the project on 'Transparency and openness in scientific advisory committees';
- . Ms Taru VUONTISJÄRVI, a Finnish political scientist (economics and a masters in Social Sciences, who worked in the Finnish Ministry of Environment), who will be working on the projects on 'Synergy between the ecology of the sea and the economy of the land' and 'Aquaculture: deployment of an open-sea marine park'.

- ☐ STOA is sad to announce that the following have left the Team:

- . Ms Bettina SMYKATZ-KLOSS, from Germany, who worked on the project 'Basic safety standards for protection of workers and the public against ionising radiation';
- . Ms Ilona TINUS, from the Netherlands, who worked on the project 'The use of the Internet for the EP's activities for the promotion and protection of human rights'.

We wish them both all the best for the future.

- ☐ We wish all our readers a long, hot summer and excellent holidays!! We also inform them that there will be no August issue of the Newsletter.

Please address your requests for any of the documents listed above to Mr Frans SCHAERLAEKEN by fax (for details see list at the end).

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